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To the Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:


My name is Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson, and I am asking that you continue to support Energy Efficiency Standards (EES) for Arizona. Since the standards were unanimously passed by a bipartisan Commission in 2010, Arizona has made great gains in energy efficiency. The EES have had significant benefits for utility companies, rate payers, local governments, and the state as a whole.

Energy efficiency programs are widely recognized as the least expensive way for utilities to meet electricity demand. Additionally, Arizona rate payers have collectively saved \$540 million on utility bills in the first three years of the program, according to the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project. That is money in the pockets of consumers, which supports our regional economies.


Furthermore, these efficiency programs have led to a number of improvements in quality of life at the city level. In 2013, my office set a goal for Tucson to plant 10,000 trees in one year, which we accomplished. We're now on our second 10,000 trees. This program relies heavily on TEP and Trico Electric's shade tree subsidies program, as part of their compliance with the EES. These low cost trees have helped thousands of residents save on their electric bills, beautified Tucson neighborhoods, improved air quality for the region and increased property values. This would not have been possible without the EES.

We must consider the long term benefits the EES is having for Arizona's residents, utilities and the environment. The EES is one program where, by investing today, we are saving money for our children and grandchildren. Eliminating the program would not even be in the interest of utilities, which will have to expend more money, sooner, to build more power plants to meet demand. I join millions of Arizona residents in support of the EES and ask that you keep the state's Energy Efficiency Standards.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Rothschild
Mayor

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